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Title of Invention: Flattened Helical Tire Cord

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Japanese language reference BC is believed to be relevant in that it describes a steel cord where a sheath of 1 to 4 steel filaments is wrapped around a core of three steel filaments, where the core filaments are configured to be aligned parallel to, and in a side-by-side arrangement with, each other. An English translation of reference BC is included herewith.

Japanese language reference BD is believed to be relevant in that it describes a method of manufacturing a steel cord, wherein a lateral waveform, or a substantially spiral form, is applied to individual core strands, which are drawn parallel with the phases of the form in alignment, and the core stands are wrapped by a wrapping strand at a pitch equal to that of said form, and the steel cord around which the wrapping cord is wrapped is pressed so as to flatten it while applying a vertical waveform of the same pitch as that of said form. An English translation of reference BD is included herewith.

Reference CA is a copy of the international search report mailed 23 October 2003 for international patent application PCT/US03/10824. All of the documents cited in the international search report are separately cited herein.

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